(a) the total population of states of Gujarat and Rajasthan covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government have received complaints and suggestions from the State Governments in respect of the Revamped Public Distribution System;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the quantity of the commodities made available to these States for distribution under this system during 1993-94 and so far during 1994-95 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) In Gujarat and Rajasthan about 86.18 lakhs and 195.74 lakhs people respectively are covered under RPDS as per 1991 census.

(b) and (c) The Revamped Public Distribution System was launched in the country in 27 States/UTs in 1992 in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. The progress of this scheme is monitored by the Central Government in terms of points of action and targets set by the States/UTs themselves. The suggestions/views/Complaints of the States/UTs in implementing the scheme are discussed periodically with them in various form like Advisory Council, regional meetings, etc. for taking necessary remedial action.

(d) The quantity of commodities allocated to Gujarat and Rajasthan during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

('000 tonnes)

Year	State	Wheat	Rice	Sugar	Edible Oil	Kerosene
1993-94	Gujarat	642.00	414.00	208.88	6.00	786.03
	Rajasthan	1140.00	84.60	218.22	1.40	285.70
1994-95	Gujarat	481.50	310.50	149.94	21.30	513.66
(upto Oct., 94)	Rajasthan	978.96	34.00	157.94	0.00	197.33

Proposal to Permit States to Import Palmolein

1705. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give permission to individual State to import Palmolein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been received by Government from Gujarat for the import of Palmolein; and

(d) if so, the action taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Inadequate PDS Coverage of the Poor

1706. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem in the 'Statesman' dated 20th October, 1994 captioned: "PDS coverage of poor inadequate";

(b) if so, whether it has been revealed through a study that programmes meant for weaker sections are not properly implemented;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) what concrete steps Government propose to take to implement various consumer oriented schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The newsitem refers to a study conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research. The study has identified several shortcomings in programmes meant for the